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SUBJECT: MICHIGAN CHOIR WINS AWARD AT MIEDZYDROJE FESTIVAL

1. THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CHAMBER CHOIR RECEIVED ONE OF THE TOP AWARDS AT THE TENTH ANNUAL MIEDZYDROJE INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL, WHICH ENDED ON JULY 6. THE AMERICAN ENSEMBLE WAS GIVEN THE POLISH RADIO PRIZE (NAGRODA POLSKIEGO RADIA) FOR "HIGH ARTISTIC MERIT" BY A PARTICIPATING CHOIR. THIS IS THE SECOND MOST SIGNIFICANT AWARD IN THE COMPETITION.

2. THE MICHIGAN CHOIR WAS THE FIRST EVER AMERICAN GROUP TO TAKE PART IN THE MIEDZYDROJE FESTIVAL. THE STUDENTS FROM ANN ARBOR SANG THERE ON JUNE 24 AS PART OF A POLISH TOUR WHICH INCLUDED APPEARANCES IN WARSAW, KRAKOW, AND SZCZECIN. THE CHOIRS DIRECTOR, THOMAS HILBISH, WILL BE INVITED BY THE FESTIVAL TO RETURN TO MIEDZYDROJE DURING EH 1976 COMPETITION TO ACCEPT THE PRIZE ON BEHALF OF HIS GROUP.

3. THE "GRAND PRIX" AWARD, THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS HONOR IN THE COMPETITION, WENT TO THE CHOIR FROM
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FINLAND. OTHER ENSEMBLES IN THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL

WERE FROM DENMARK, HUNGARY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND BULGARIA,
AND POLAND.

4. FOR CU/CP: SINCE THE MICHIGAN CHOIR IS STILL
ON TOUR, HILBISH LIKELY DOES NOT KNOW OF THE
FESTIVALS RECOGNITION. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT
CU/CP MIGHT INFORM HIM WHEN HE RETURNS TO THE
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